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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
DAVID M. SINGLETON, LOUIS KRAVETZ, BRENDAN D. MURRAY)))
Serial No. 09/655,964) Group Art Unit: 1751
Filed September 6, 2000) Examiner: Necholus Ogden Jr
HIGHLY BRANCHED PRIMARY ALCOHOL COMPOSITIONS, AND BIODEGRADABLE DETERGENTS MADE THEREFROM) April 17, 2006)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated October 19, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-10, 12, 70-73 and 75-102. The rejection of each of these claims is herewith appealed.

Please charge the \$500 fee to Shell Oil Company, Deposit Account No. 19-1800.

Respectfully submitted,

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